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## **GRADE 9 PARAGRAPH ASSIGNMENT**

Now that we have learned how to write a paragraph we are going to practice by writing one.

Select one of the following questions to respond to in your paragraph:

1. Are social networking sites (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) necessary?
2. What is the best meal of the day?
3. Should texting be allowed during class?
4. Is school necessary?

The paragraph must be well organized and between 10-15 sentences in length. It must also be typed in 12-point Times New Roman font, double spaced, and have your first and last name at the top right corner.

You must submit this assignment in 3 stages, as outlined below. All work must be submitted in hard copy, at the start of class, on the dates outlined below. The first two steps will be assessed and will be awarded a letter grade. The successful completion of these stages will contribute significantly to your success on your final product.

1. Paragraph Outline, due on \_\_\_\_\_
2. Rough Draft, for peer editing, due on \_\_\_\_\_
3. Good copy, along with essay outline, peer editing form, and checklist on \_\_\_\_\_

Remember to make use of the comments from your teacher on your outline and those of your peers on your rough draft while completing your good copy, and to ask your teacher if you need any help throughout this process well before the due date.

The checklist on the reverse of this page will be used to evaluate your work.

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## GRADE 9 PARAGRAPH ASSIGNMENT CHECKLIST

CRITERIA	MARK
Rough work (outline and peer editing checklist) are thoroughly completed, and the author uses suggestions made throughout the writing process to improve their work	____/10
Topic sentence is specific, relevant, and interesting in introducing the opinion	____/5
Supporting points are specific, relevant, and clearly explained	____/3
Examples and explanations used in reference to supporting points are relevant and clearly explained	____/10
Effective use of transitions and transitional words between ideas	____/2
Concluding sentence is specific, relevant, and sums up the opinion	____/5
Paragraph has been carefully proofread to avoid errors in spelling and grammar	____/3
Vocabulary and sentences are relevant, precise, and effective	____/2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>____/40</b>